



EDO FRIENDS OF BC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2012

Who we are:

- Started in 1997
- Registered and incorporated in 1999 with BC Govt. as non-profit organization
- Acquired charity organization status in 2007 under Canada Income Tax Act
- Hold monthly meetings lead by nine elected executive committee members

Our Mission

> **Mission Statement:** To provide education, counseling and support services to immigrants and refugees and to promote Africa cultural heritage through seminars and cultural festivals.

> **Mandate Statement:** The executive committee as empowered by the constitution and Bylaws of the association is required to organize a minimum of one open cultural festival every year. This event serves as an informative avenue for other Canadians to learn about Africa and as a bridge between the cultures of Africa and Canadian society.

> Building communities by helping one person at a time

What we do

In partnership with both the Federal and Provincial governments we provide the following services:

- > Immigration services (Identification of individual and families)
- > Language translation/Interpretation services
- > Counseling and Employment services (Job links/advice on Canadian labour market and employment policies)
- > Community outreach program
- > Settlement and integration programs (Planning and implementation of community programs)

In partnership with the community we provide the following services:

- > Organize seminars on basic computer training, Citizenship and Immigration, Real Estate and Mortgages, Banking information and Job seminars.
- > Yearly welcome dinner party for new immigrants and refugees
- > We provide and donate both time and cash to other non-profit organizations. Like our recent clothes donation to Big Brother.
- > We provide Bus Passes, Food Vouchers, Furniture and other household items, Clothing allowance to individual and families, soliciting accommodation for individual and families and transportation services.
- > We provide Information through our EFOBA Magazine and the link to various Government, works/Employment Agencies and Human Resources Canada websites
- > Participation of our Cultural group in community performances.

Our future in the Community

- > To build Edo Community Centre (EDO HOUSE) Over \$30,000.00 raised so far.
- > To Establish Africa Ekassa Cultural Festival as an all inclusive African yearly event.
- > To Expand our volunteer services to individual/communities.
- > To provide more assistance to immigrants/refugees.

For further information on any of our programs and assistance, please contact us at:

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